



## Procedure Information - Ectopic Pregnancy

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### Introduction

The fertilized ovum implants outside the uterine cavity. Ectopic pregnancy is the major cause of maternal mortality in the first trimester of pregnancy.

### Indications

1. Tubal ectopic pregnancy
2. Nontubal ectopic pregnancy

### Management

1. Medical treatment
  - Systemic medication such as cytotoxic drug
  - In selected patients only
  - Followed by serial pregnancy hormone (hCG) measurement and pelvic ultrasound
2. Surgical treatment
  - If internal bleeding or impending rupture of the fallopian tube
  - If medical treatment fails
  - If pregnancy hormone (hCG) level is not falling at a satisfactory rate or to a satisfactory level

### Risks of not having the procedure or if medical treatment fails

Rupture with internal bleeding causing shock, and even death.

### The Procedure

1. General anaesthesia
2. Through laparoscopy or a mini-laparotomy incision
3. Removal of the fallopian tube (salpingectomy) or aspiration of product of gestation through an incision in the wall of the affected fallopian tube
4. Closure of abdominal wound
5. All tissue removed will be sent to Pathology Department or disposed of as appropriate unless otherwise specified

### Risk and Complication

There are always certain side effects and risks of complications of the procedure. Medical staff will take every preventive measure to reduce their likelihood.

### Possible risks and complications (not all possible complications are listed)

1. Anaesthetic complications
2. Bleeding, may require blood transfusion
3. Pelvic infection
4. Wound complications
5. Injury to adjacent organs, such as bladder, ureters, bowel and abdominal blood vessels, may require repair
6. Increase in risk of ectopic pregnancy in future



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### Pre-operative information

1. Your doctor will explain to you the reason, procedure and possible complications
2. You will need to sign a consent form before operation
3. No food or drink for 6 to 8 hours before operation
4. Blood taking for blood typing and screening
5. Pubic hair is shaved if necessary as instructed by your doctor

### Post-operative information

1. Take medication as prescribed by your doctor
2. Contact your doctor or attend a hospital if you experience severe pain, purulent discharge, excessive vaginal bleeding, fever (body temperature above 38°C or 100°F) or other unusual symptoms
3. During medical treatment, avoid sexual intercourse. After treatment, avoid getting pregnant for 3 months by using an effective contraception method

### Remarks

This is general information only and the list of complications is not exhaustive. Other unforeseen complications may occasionally occur. In special patient groups, the actual risk may be different. For further information please contact your doctor.

### Reference

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I acknowledge that the above information concerning my operation/procedure has been explained to me by Dr. \_\_\_\_\_. I have also been given the opportunity to ask questions and receive adequate explanations concerning my condition and the doctor's treatment plan.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patient / Relative Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Relationship (if any)

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Date